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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 558
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A RESOLUTION To recognize Gabriel Walker Sewell on
becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, At a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, leadership opportunities, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, The highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Gabriel Walker Sewell, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, became an Eagle Scout on June 4, 2001, and joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, The son of Gilbert and Dianne Sewell, born June 29, 1983, Gabriel began his career with the Boy Scouts of America in 1994 with Troop 254 at Tyner United Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Becoming a Boy Scout on January 30, 1995, Gabriel's tireless persistence was rewarded with his completion of the Tenderfoot Board of Review on June 19, 1995, completion of the Second Class Board of Review on December 4, 1995, completion of the First Class Board of Review on July 29, 1996, with becoming a Star Scout on July 7, 1997, and a Life Scout on November 23, 1998; and

WHEREAS, His dutiful example of hard work and respect among the troop with the appreciation of the great outdoors was tapped out for induction to the Order of the Arrow in June of 1997; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast course led to an increase of skills and acquiring a knowledge of hobbies and interests during the earning of 30 merit badges; and

WHEREAS, Elected as Troop 254's Crew Leader, Gabriel was responsible for organizing the crew, assigning duties, making decisions, and recognizing the capabilities and limitations of each member of the Expedition #610 F2 Itinerary #24 crew which departed June 8, 2001, to experience the ultimate in Boy Scout backpacking adventure at the renowned Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, hiking in isolated rugged mountain wilderness for 10 days with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of the Tyner and Silverdale communities and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; working meticulously and tirelessly, he organized and supervised 22 boys and adults for a total of 169 hours constructing a 3-1/2' x 4' x 2' stone monument on the original camp meeting grounds deeded by George Washington House in 1838 with an attractive mounted brass plaque commemorating the beginning of the present-day Tyner United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Gabriel Sewell as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud and honor Gabriel Walker Sewell on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.